

The production for the territory was thus 410 dozens, the value of which was \$665.

Miscellaneous fishery products.

Probably all food fish taken in Alaska have a limited commercial use. In some measure, this limited utilization may be due to a lack of suitable fishing gear required for the capture of a considerable quantity of fish, but as the quality of the somewhat neglected species becomes known, a demand for them will be created which in turn will cause attention to be given to an improvement in methods of fishing whereby production may be augmented.

Prominent among these little utilized species are the smelt, ling cod, eulachon, tomcod, flatfish, and atkafish. The atka fish, or greenling, is a fish of recognized food value and one whose exploitation is worth undertaking. That it is not known to be generally abundant except in the extreme western part of Alaska, particularly the Aleutian Islands, is a factor which must be reckoned with in connection with the possibility of its development into a fishery of commercial importance. The isolation of the region is sufficient to close it to that class of operators who would be most likely to do the prospecting or pioneering. At present, only residents of the region, or companies established in other industries in western Alaska have access to the most promising fields, as the cost of laying down supplies at Uralaska with the means now provided by public carriers would be prohibitive. Excepting one company, none of those engaged in the salmon industry in western Alaska, has attempted to develop the atkafish fields, and it is not likely that any of them will become interested along that line. The companies engaged in the cod industry may find opportunity to investigate the possibilities of an atkafish fishery, but, all things considered, the

early development of a fishery of importance is not promising.

In 1917, the total production of miscellaneous fishery products was 114,167 pounds, valued at \$2,247.

PERCENTAGE OF SALMON COUGHT IN EACH DISTRICT BY PRINCIPAL FORMS OF GEAR.

Apparatus	Southeast Alaska		Central Alaska		Western Alaska	
	1916	1917	1916	1917	1916	1917
	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent
Seines.....	43	41	58	48	7	2
<i>Hand net</i> Traps	52	55	35	38	7	4
Gill nets..	3	2	6	12	85	94